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The Honorable Hale Boggs, Chairman
Foreign Economic Policy Subcommittee
Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to advise that we will be pleased to assist in the preparation of the material described in your letter of 24 January 1969 for inclusion in a staff study devoted to current economic developments in the countries of Eastern Europe other than the U. S. S. R.

Representatives of this Agency have been in contact with Mr. Leon M. Herman, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, and we are preparing the papers which you requested. We have also been in touch with officials of your Committee staff and understand that the arrangements which have been applied to the most recent Committee publications in which the Agency has participated will also apply in this instance.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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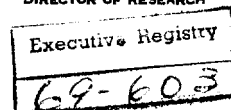
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Mr. Richard C. Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Helms:

The Joint Economic Committee of the Congress is preparing to publish a staff study devoted to current economic developments in the countries of Eastern Europe other than the USSR. We have in mind a survey of current economic trends in the region, organized under major functional categories, among them: aggregate national product, industrial output, the agricultural sector, manpower resources and personal consumption.

The main purpose of such a study, as we see it, will be to make available to the Congressional community and, beyond that, to the public at large in a single report a body of up-to-date authoritative data and relevant analytical comment on a region of the world that has received less than its due share of attention in the United States. To cite but one interesting statistical fact, the smaller countries of Eastern Europe have been exchanging with all the advanced industrial nations, as a group, some 50% more goods than has the USSR; with the nations of Western Europe, over 60% more.

The Committee is, therefore, once more turning to your organization with a request for support in connection with this enterprise. In particular, we should like the competent specialists on your staff to prepare papers of an appropriate size on the following topics:

1. Economic Realities and Political Development in Eastern Europe.
2. Production and Use of Computers.
3. Development of the Automobile Industry.
4. Defense Expenditures.
5. Personal Consumption.

In addition, I hope that you may be in a position to supply statistical data on the current pattern of foreign trade in Eastern Europe for inclusion in the Appendix section of the report.

Mr. Richard C. Helms

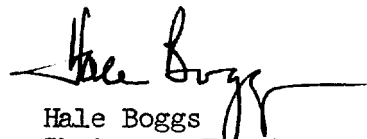
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I hope that we shall receive your cooperation in this matter, as we have in the past. As soon as you see your way clear on this point, I suggest that you designate a member of your staff to work out the details of the arrangement with Mr. Leon M. Herman, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, who will again serve as coordinator and editor of the study for the Joint Economic Committee. ✓

In view of the timeliness of the subject, we are asking all contributors to the study to have their papers completed for editorial review by about the end of May 1969. ✓

Sincerely,



Hale Boggs
Chairman, Foreign Economic Policy
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Remarks: <p>Attached is a proposed reply to Rep. Hale Boggs' request that we assist in the preparation of material for his Subcommittee of the Joint Economic Committee, as we have done in the past. As indicated in the reply, Ed Allen's people are working with the Library of Congress man on this and we have been in touch with the Committee staff.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 350px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">John M. Maury Legislative Counsel</p>			
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